

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I never realized before how out-moded our 10-year-old home has become until I looked at some model homes last weekend.

Not that we're moving, but it does provide a Sunday's entertainment. Besides I always hope to pick up a few decorating ideas: the first of which is that we ought to junk every piece of furniture we own.

*One thing sure, the new homes certainly offer more "extras" than before — saunas, wall vacuuming units, community swimming pools, not to omit your own boating-dock so that you can water-ski to the supermarket.*

What interested me most is that houses are no longer partitioned in the old-fashioned concept of room, but rather, as the real estate man explained, into "areas" — the family dining area (not to be confused with the formal dining area), the children's play area, the teen-age recreation area, the conversation area and something called the adult quiet area, although I was mystified that it was located in the same house.

*I couldn't help but speculate over what the confusion would be if we were to move into such a house. I just can't see our kids staying within their own boundary lines of the "play area" and not invading the Adult Quiet Area. I fear, too, that our children would look upon the entire house as one big Recreation Center.*

Would our kids ever get it straight that the bathroom is not a Conversation Area, especially when I'm trying to take a bath without a coterie of little neighborhood friends around?

If not defined as "areas" different sections of the house were denoted as "centers." However, the "homemaking center" which included a "menu-making table" and a corner for Arts and Crafts for the artistic housewife to do while ironing, looked to me suspiciously like a kitchen.

There was also a "learning center" where the children do their homework, although our dining room table seems to serve the same purpose.

*I noticed that the "learning center" was located a little too close to the "entertainment center" which housed the color TV set, Hi-Fi, tape recording equipment and radio. Our kids would combine the two centers as they do now — working on their arithmetic while watching "Leave It to Beaver." What happens when different members of the family want different types of entertainment, pray tell?*

Of course, I realize that model homes aren't designed for a family as large as ours. Still, I think the ideal home should have plenty of walls and doors — which can be locked. If I want to stack the breakfast dishes, why do people dropping into the "conversation area" or visiting the "entertainment center" have to know my secret?

## Holiday Dinner Dance

Mrs. John McCarthy, president of the St. Philomena Women's Council, has announced that the Annual Holiday Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, Nov. 24 at the Long Beach Elks Club at 4101 East Willow St., Long Beach.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with cocktails followed by a prime rib dinner at 8 p.m. Music during the cocktail and dinner hours will be provided by the Mariachi Ray Flores. From 9 until 1 p.m. there will be dancing with music by the Hi Tones.

All members of the St. Philomena Parish and friends are invited to attend the gala affair. Tickets may be obtained from the Guild Chairmen and outside the church on Sundays. The donation covers all expenses of the dinner and dance.



## Potpourri of Ideas

Court Our Lady of Victory Catholic Daughters have announced their Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Felix O'Reilly, 715 Esplanade, Redondo. From a potpourri of holiday gifts, members have produced an attractive array of gifts and decorations. CDA Juniors will have homemade candy on sale. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Dominating the fair will be clever Santas. Here, Mrs. Roger Ste. Marie looks at a finished Santa held by Mrs. O'Reilly, while Mmes. Leonard Skinner and Richard Blair make more Santas. The public is invited. (Press-Herald Photo)

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## Aboard SS Princess Louise

# Auxiliary Installs Officers

Auxiliary to the Torrance Fire Department installed its new officers at a luncheon meeting aboard the S.S. Princess Louise last Saturday. Mrs. William Nytt, of Leona Valley, southern vice-president of the State of California Auxiliary, conducted the installation using a flower, presented to each new officer, denoting her official duties.

Installed as the 1967-68 president was Mrs. Bruce Smith succeeding Mrs. Ed Siminich. Assisting Mrs. Smith in directing auxiliary activities for the coming year will be Mmes. Carl Marshall, first vice-president; Ronald Weiner, second vice-president; John Blain, secretary; and Kenneth Spaan, treasurer.

Following the installation, members and guests were entertained with a parade of the season's newest fashions in hats provided by an area salon. Model-

ing the hats were Mmes. R. E. Moffitt, Bill Slonecker, Keith Pischell, Robert Myers, Mack Oetting and Ted Drake.

The new officers were elected at the November business meeting held at the Siminich home, 22908 Ladeene Ave.

At this meeting plans for the Auxiliary's annual Christmas party were made. The event will be held Dec. 11 at the Siminich home and each guest will bring canned food for a needy family.

Nominated to a by-laws committee were Mmes. Walter West, Milton Langum, Mack Oetting and Roland Deiner.

Mrs. Don Lamb reported that \$25 had been donated to a burned-out family and that \$37.85 was realized from the recent book sale. Remainder of the books was donated to the Thrift Shop of the Southwest Association for Retarded Children.



## Holiday Glitter, Delicacies

Torrance Jaycettes are busy this weekend putting final touches to their glamorous array of holiday crafts and turning out their finest holiday delicacies for the annual Bake Craft Sale to be held Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Community Room of Western Federal Savings. Caught in action are, from left, Mmes. Ralph Grippio, finishing a grape arrangement; Michael Zappatelli, gold spraying a racaroni tree; and James Hussey, president, at the stove, testing a pie filling. Members and guests are invited to the Yuletide affair. (Press-Herald Photo)

## At Indian Village

# Girl Staters Guests At B&PW Meeting

Mrs. Darwin Parrish, vice president of Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club and chairman of the Nov. 20, dinner meeting, has announced that the program for the evening will be presented by the six local high school girls, who attended Girls State this year.

Mrs. Alma C. Smith, of the American Legion Auxiliary of the Bert S. Crossland Unit, sponsors of Girls State, is bringing the following participants to talk about the experiences at the 1967 Girls State that impressed them most: Christine Novak, Palos Verdes High; Dawn Wells, North High; Jo Dee Taylor, West High; Elizabeth Hovey, South High; Barbara Bentwood, Torrance High; and Kathleen Roach, Bishop Montgomery High.

Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club is a patron contributor giving financial assistance to girls of this area who qualify for this project. The club looks forward to this program each year as those who have attended the week long session bring much spirit and enthusiasm to the presentation.

The dinner meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Smith's Indian Village, and the members of Torrance Club extend an invitation to the public and especially to all working women of the area to attend. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Parrish or Flora Hametman, president.



## Time To Begin

Mrs. Bruce Smith, left, newly-installed president of the Auxiliary to the Torrance Fire Department, sets the hands on this grandfather clock denoting to other new officers and members that it is time to begin their year of social and philanthropic work. Officers watching their new leader are, from left, Mmes. Carl Marshall, Ronald Wiener, John Blain, and John Spaan. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Christmas Wonderland

# Woman's Club Sets Annual Yule Event

"Deck the hall with boughs of holly..." and that is just what members of the Torrance Woman's Club will do for their annual Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar on Wednesday, Nov. 29th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

Luncheon will be served from 11 to 2 p.m. and will feature home-made pumpkin pie for dessert. Mrs. R. E. Moffitt is chairman of the luncheon, and Mrs. Alina Smith is in charge of the ticket sales.

There will be eight booths loaded with hand-made and unusual Christmas items for sale. Mrs. Bernard Gold and Mrs. I. M. Arent will be chairmen of the Mechanical and Stuffed Toy Booth.

Arts and Crafts Booth is in charge of Mmes. R. L. Rudy, H. F. Heinlein, Frank Breit, R. E. Shaw and Dale Bliven.

Mrs. W. L. Norman and Mrs. Morton Deiner will have books for sale for all ages. The Baked Goods Booth is in charge of some prize-winning cooks, Mmes. C. T. Rippy, John Keefer, M. M. Schwab and A. F. R. Ewalt.

Chairmen for the White Elephant booth are Mrs. H. R. Richards and Mrs. Albert Isen, and Mrs. Dean Sears will have a Candy and Cards booth.

The Girl Scouts are planning a Calendar Booth, and the Junior Woman's Club will have a Miscellaneous Gifts booth.

The public is invited to this holiday event.



## Christmas Is In The Air

Holiday ribbons, net and gleaming baubles occupy these Nativity Mothers Club members preparing for their annual Holiday Bake and Gift Sale set for Sunday, Dec. 3, at Nativity Annex, Arlington and Engracia. A Pancake Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and the sale will continue until 4 p.m. Handmade gift items, Christmas decorations and homemade candies and pastries will be on sale. At a workshop this week are, from left, Mmes. Marvin Goetsch, Gene Carrington, Louise Mainar, Henry F. Chaney, William Korchensky, chairman, and James W. McClain, president. The public is invited to attend the breakfast and bazaar. (Press-Herald Photo)